

FLIGHT OF FANCY VIEW OF EXODUS FROM EUROPE

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who were orphaned in the Ukraine pogroms from the Ukraine to take care of an average 500 new immigrants cases daily, he said, 90 per cent. of which arrive in Paris without funds and with only the most meagre information regarding their relatives in the United States. Most of these emigrants succeed in leaving French ports within a month after their arrival here. However, Mr. Shapiro estimates that the number of Jews going to New York by way of France certainly will not be more than 2,000 a week, with less than that number now awaiting passage, their passports having been issued, their tickets obtained and everything in order for them to go to America.

Emigration from the ports of southern France is not an important factor either from the standpoint of Jews or other nationalities. The consulates in Marseilles and Bordeaux report long lines of men and women making inquiries there every day, but the laws governing the entrance of aliens into the United States, and particularly the financial requirements, discourage thousands of these prospective emigrants from trying to get to America.

More Britons Going Home From U. S. Than Are Coming Westward

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There is no great human tide from the British Isles striving to reach the United States. Although the last official figures for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 1920, give 104,441 emigrants, of whom 62,222 were British, sailing for the United States, there was during this period a return immigration into the British Isles of 36,530.

Since then reports from American consuls indicate there has been a further heavy falling off of applications for passports. Meanwhile steamship companies are held up for stowage accommodations, but this is due largely to Russian, Polish and Baltic Jews and for Scandinavian passengers through England from northern Europe.

While no figures are available regarding these transients, it is estimated there are several hundred thousand of them. Although British ports are thus sharing the pressure which is being placed on Antwerp and Amsterdam by these refugees from Bolshevism and starvation, the cold, industrial British-speaking literates, who oftentimes are skilled workers of England, Scotland and Ireland, are not leaving home. Exceeding the Irish and to a lesser degree the Scotch, they have never been emigrants; and it was with a distinct shock that the House of Commons recently heard Premier Lloyd George say that the economic situation, with more than a million workers in excess of what there were before the war, might necessitate emigration. However, the Premier was careful to specify that it would be emigration from the Empire, and not the workers who would not be lost to Great Britain.

American Machinery a Factor.

Aside from the real falling off of business, there are two reasons for the unemployment here. The million more workers than in 1913, of whom Premier Lloyd George spoke, typifies the slackness that has come after the superhuman efforts made during the war, in which millions of men fought and during which industry was carried on at a pitch never before known. The industrial pitch was raised by the inclusion among the workers of women and persons who hitherto had belonged to the large leisure middle class. Also it was aided by the introduction of American machinery for methods. Before the war there were comparatively few factories in England with machine tools, housed in modern buildings and employing efficient methods. England's greatness in manufacturing and particularly in the small plants manufacturing textiles and the engineering trades, rested on faithful, plodding, underpaid British labor. The laws permitted free transportation of machinery was cheap and the product of this manufacture was distributed and sold throughout the world by a banking and shipping system founded on generations of special training.

This was the industrial efficiency Germany began to challenge successfully in 1913. To-day hardly a stone of that rearing industrial edifice is intact, but employment has "settled," and to-day out-of-work doles from the Imperial Treasury, the subsidization of unemployment insurance and direct dealings between the Government and the coal and other strikes are accepted as a matter of course.

Meanwhile the Germans, with their low prices and depreciated currency, are winning temporary victories over the British in machinery and electrical markets and are making headway in Russia, that world's next great Eldorado for traveling salesmen.

And if Germany cannot keep up this competition there is a new factor in the world's markets. It is a tall, giant figure, with unending natural resources and a wealth not essentially impaired. He is commencing to catch up with his domestic demands and has a huge new fleet of merchant ships to play with. That is the intelligent Briton's view of "Uncle Sam." They recognize him as a rival, and there is not the slightest disposition, either among statesmen or prospective emigrants, to help him with British brawn to rival the homeland.

Ireland Would Aid Uncle Sam.

The one exception is Ireland. They would be glad to help "Uncle Sam," but just as they are supremely concerned with "dark Rosin" and "walking into the office of F. J. Dumont, American Consul in Dublin, the first thing that greets the eye on the stair landing is a bi-lingual proclamation informing all Irishmen that they cannot leave Ireland without obtaining the approval of the Minister of the Interior of the "Irish Republic." It is signed by the Dail Eireann. Mr. Dumont said he had never seen it and never would.

"It is off my part of the hall," he said. Mr. Dumont lives in the worst No. 10, Man's Land in Europe to-day, in Stockville street, Dublin.

But that little proclamation has kept thousands of Irishmen in Ireland. The Sinn Fein believes that England hysterically conspires to encourage Irish emigration to restore to Ireland a vast cattle ranch, and would let the Irish go where they can. The Sinn Fein plans include the development of small agricultural holdings first and then the development of industrialism in order to support a population of 8,000,000, which Ireland had a hundred years ago, instead of 4,500,000, which she has to-day.

Lately, however, there has been a heavy increase in the number of male emigrants as compared with women.

There is little appreciable change in Scotch emigration, which is running, as usual, about 15,000 a year, representing the best type of skilled laborers, ship builders, domestic servants and housewives. Glasgow, Scotland's largest port, has few refusals of passport applications. In Birmingham and Liverpool, representing the Midland manufacturing district, where the depression due to unemployment and loss of savings has been great, emigration has shown an increase.

Reports from Wales indicate the same effects there as a result of the reduction in mining, although Cardiff shows a heavy proportion of non-British applications for passports, these applicants being seamen of nationality other than British.

There is one element which is probably checking strongly against British emigration to the United States, and that is prohibition.

Persons here coming in contact with prospective emigrants report that many of them will go to Canada and Australia because of their inability to get their accustomed beer and spirits in the United States.

WALLIS WOULD LET WORTHY ENTER U. S.

Would Admit All Applicants
But Mentally, Morally and
Physically Unsound.

Revealing the sources of his information that as high as 25,000,000 Europeans are seeking to emigrate to this country, Frederick A. Wallis, Immigration Commissioner at Ellis Island, last night told an audience at the Harlem

Forum for the Dissemination of Jewish Knowledge, in Wadleigh High School, that all of the applicants should be admitted except those morally, mentally and physically unsound.

"At the maximum, however, the steamships now available could only carry 1,300,000 to us in a year, and since so many want to come let us skim off the cream and pick a good million," he said. "But don't do the picking over here. I don't know anything so inhuman and unbusinesslike as to let emigrants sell their all, travel thousands of miles and then have one told at Ellis Island he must go back, while his brother or sister goes on into the land of opportunity."

"I hardly think the Judgment Day could be worse than the harrowing scenes enacted here because some one can't read or write. That literacy test is a crime and nothing else. And something should be done so that people

wouldn't be able to come here and land here penniless. On three boats last week there arrived as many as 1,100 immigrants with less than \$1 apiece, who had to be sent back, bankrupt after their efforts to get here."

Without expressing approval or disapproval of the bill restricting immigration for a year, which is now before the Senate, Commissioner Wallis said the bill, in his opinion, most imperative for the best interests of immigration would be one giving to the department power to make its inspections at the ports of embarkation. Next should be a bill enabling the officials to allocate the immigrants properly to the centers in the United States, where their man power is most needed. Third, there should be some scheme to bring about their quick assimilation as Americans; lastly should come provisions about closer regulation of the incoming tide. Several in the au-

dience asked him what sort of immigrant should be restricted. He replied: "Only those morally, mentally or physically unsound, let all the rest come."

A large number in Commissioner Wallis's audience were Jews who had passed through Ellis Island themselves, and they applauded frequently as he recited some of the changes in administration had wrought. Resolutions protesting against the bill now before the Senate and calling for legislation that will not bar persons a fleeing from "political, racial or religious persecution" were adopted unanimously. The Rev. Dr. Jacob Tarsus, rabbi, who led the discussion of Mr. Wallis's address, pointed out that the present bill might bar thousands of Jews seeking to come from Eastern Europe. He continued: "Every Jew has in him two dreams—one of one day erecting our own country

in our old, old land, but of course only a small number of us could fit there; the other of America, where he can live as a Jew and still be a human being."

8,000 JEWS IMMIGRATE; WORK IN PALESTINE

3,000 Pioneers Among Them
and More to Come.

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).—Figures available with regard to Palestine immigration show that for the ten months ending September, 1920, more than 8,000 Jewish immigrants arrived in Palestine. This number included 2,000 "chalutzim" (pioneers), a further number of 2,000 of whom are known to have come in during October

and November. All the new arrivals have been supplied with employment.

VIENNA, Jan. 2 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).—Chief Rabbi Dr. Chajes left Saturday for the United States by way of Holland. Dr. Chajes goes to America in connection with relief as well as Zionism. Delegates representative orthodox elements in Czechoslovakia and Carpathian Russia have decided to enter into an alliance with the Federation of Orthodox Jews in Czechoslovakia, says a Prague despatch.

VOTING MACHINE BILL COMING.

Assemblyman George N. Jesse of 621 West 179th street announced yesterday that on the first day of the 1921 session of the Legislature he will introduce a bill providing for the compulsory use of voting machines at all elections in the State.



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What Repetition Does

It is only a great mind which cannot be influenced by oft-repeated prophecies. And, alas, this world does not abound in great minds. Therefore the prophecies hinted at, at first, then whispered—and now shouted—concerning impending business doom and ultimate financial disaster in the United States, have found echoes in many minds and exaggerated utterance from many lips, until to-day the people of this country actually believe that they are headed for commercial perdition.

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The Rotary Club of New York, composed of five hundred leading business men of the city, has a message to deliver. Here it is: During the last few years, owing to exaggerated conditions, business was delivered, free of charge, to our very doors. Being only human we have acquired the disastrous habit of waiting for it to come. But exaggerated conditions have subsided to normality. The business is still there, but those who have it in their giving, being only human, are taking their turn in waiting for those who want it to come and get. And that's what we have to do, my friends, Go and Get It!

The Contest Begins

With the dawning of the new year came the start of the great, new contest when men and women will again have the chance to prove their worth, when "pull" drops on the stock market to practically nothing, and when ability and faithfulness and hard work will find their own reward.

Whatever the New Year brings you—be it poverty or riches—is of your doing. One hundred million people all leaning against the waiting wall will be crushed by the stones of disaster. But one hundred million people with girded loins, keen eyes and willing hands will lift America to a still higher pinnacle. Repeat, then, this resolution: "I will do my share—and more—to restore to its original prosperity and peace this cherished land in which I live." And then tell it to your neighbor.

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